# Ex-Fireman, 91, Recalls Provo Department Near Turn of Century

# R. Dean Strong, Teamster For 20 Years, Brings Back Days of Horse-Drawn Engines

remaining testimonies of the city jail was behind it." er again." in the accompanying historic to fires. picture. He even remembered Mr. Strong remembers many ment as a teamster included the horses' names.

## Early Days

Back in the early days of the firemen. Provo Fire Department, about 1904, there were two full-time The station was built in 1892 Boardman, assistant fire chief firemen. Joseph Loveless, and was used until 1923, when and volunteer for about 21 father of J. Max Loveless of it was abandoned and torn down years; Warren S. Ferre, volun-Provo, served as fire chief because of the lack of space teer for seven years; John H. from 1903 to 1920, except for for the new motor driven fire Durrant, 19 years; Arthur Dura brief interval of less than a vehicles which replaced the rant, brother of John, 11 years; year in 1908. Rasmus Dean horse- drawn wagons. The old Roy Boren, four years; W. E. Strong, generally known as bell which had been used to (Will) Harding, three years; "Uncle Dean," was teamster ring the fire alarm can now Carl Christensen, eight years; for the department for about be seen in the Pioneer Village David Loveless, a former fire six years. He was employed by Museum in North Park. with a chief and four regular the firemen had to use water six years; Joe Stubbs, 11 years;

the old Provo Fire Station, returned after a short time and "Out of these men here in which has long since been torn again began working in that pothis picture, I'm the only one left. There were over 30 mem- he helped to extinguish. He According to Max Loveless, bers of the Provo Volunteer stated, "The old station was Mr. Strong was an excellent Fire Department at that time, about five rods east of the old teamster and "just had a way and out of all of them, I'm post office (now the City Hall) with horses. Those horses had the only one still alive." and was near where the City confidence in him and he pos-R. Dean Strong, 543 E. 6th and County Building now sessed an art of driving that S., Provo, is one of the last stands. It faced north, and the proably no one will ever mast-

Provo Volunteer Fire Depart- The building was located on Mr. Strong recalls how he ment, of which he was a mem. Center Street on the City and would drive the team as fast ber for at least 20 years. The County Block, across the street as the horses could run with the 91-year-"young" man, who can from where the Paramount men hanging on, sometimes in still recall many exciting and Theatre stands today. It housed the black of night when he could factual experiences connected stalls for horses, quarters for barely see the road. with the department, identified the regular employees, and a without hesitation each mem- huge tower with a large bell Men were serving as voluber of the volunteers appearing used to summon the volunteers teers during the time that Mr.

> times pulling the two ropes attached to the bell to bring the mate time of service: Joseph

the department as a full-time The fire he remembers most Martin, 11 years; Parley Peay, employee and volunteer from happened in 1918, and involved nine years; Miles Davis, eight about 1900 to 1920. After this the Knight Woolen Mills on July years; Will F. Olson, 16 years; time Provo City organized a 30 of that year. He said that, Edwin Johnson, 15 years; Frank full-time paid fire department because of insufficient water, Roper, 17 years; Percy Jones,

### Volunters Listed

Strong worked for the depart-Loveless, who served as fire chief for 18 years; Robert chief, 21 years; Ernest (Ern)



Warren S. Ferre, John H. Durrant, Roy Boren, W. E. (Will) James Markham. Seated on the fire engine are Don Parks, Harding, Carl Christensen, David Loveless, Ernest (Ern) Mar-driving, and William Strong. R. Dean Strong is the only living tin, Parley Peay, Miles Davis, Will F. Olson, Edwin Johnson, members of the group.

POSING IN FRONT of the old Provo Fire Station in 1908-09, S. F. (Frank) Roper, Percy Jones, and Joe Stubbs. In the are 21 members of the Provo Volunteer Department. The sta- buggy is Fire Chief Joseph W. Loveless on the left, and Robtion was located on Center Street on the City and County ert Boardman, assistant chief. On the hose wagon in center Block facing north. The volunteers were from left, standing, are R. Dean Strong, still living today, left, Leo H. Bean and

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# Reproduction of Old R.R. Poster Souvenir of Centennial Celebration

OGDEN-A colorful, eircuspe vintage poster, advertisg opening of the nation's est transcontinental railway stem May 10, 1869, has been produced as a souvenir colctor's item for the centenal celebration of this historic ent throughout 1969. (It was May 10, 1869, that the naon was joined by rail at the iving of the golden spike at comontory Summit).

The 15-by-36-inch poster is an thentic, six-color reproducof the original Union Pafic advertisement.

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Added Excitements



UTAH SENATOR FRANK E. MOSS, left, shows reproduction of 100-year-old Union Pacific Railroad poster to President Lyndon B. Johnson and Thomas M. Goodfellow, right, presi-

including the time spent going ried Roxie Cluff of Provo, he re- years; Hyrum Jensen, four far as Second West and Univer- and has a car which he drives drives drives of many years ago. He considers himself a member. for time spent fighting fires, In 1905, after Mr. Strong mar- years; Arthur Harris, three would sprinkle Center Street as spends his spare time reading, with the pump wagon he used to and though he is 91, he still Returns To Work 17 years; Eph Homer, eight ment as a road sprinkler. He lives in his own home, was able to compare the vehicle maining volunteers left alive month and Mr. Strong \$40, from to cut off all irrigation for the to Dean Strong, 20 years; J. E. fighting fires, he worked for ed by the government near Dug- sonnel was present with their but for Mr. Strong, it lives on.

Mr. Loveless received \$50 a had to fetch the watermaster 12 years; Will Strong, a cousin When Mr. Strong was not lessie D. Strong, who is employ- The Provo Fire Department may be disbanded, ter who is now deceased, and by his family at an open house. The old Provo Volunteer Fire father of two children, a daugh- day, Mr. Strong was honored the old firewagon."

## Adult Education This Week in Central Utah

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ules for adult education non-INSURANCE - Tuesday, Jan. Ext. 5. further information, call Provo information, call 373-7890, Ext. ning Jan. 7, 7 p.m., at Utah rines killed and 2,311 wounded.

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EARLY UTAH HISTORY -FIBERGLASS AUTO BODY Wednesday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m., at

cal College at Provo. For fur- Ext. 5.

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teers was paid \$1.50 an hour Provo City. Each of the volun- day so we could fight that fire." Armistead, a former fire chief, the Provo City Street Depart- way. I, 1922, when it was disbanded. water out of the Mill Race we Markinan, 21 years, Don Parks, vice was maintained until Jan. "But before we could get any fire chief, 20 years; James Ward, 21 years.

Mr. Strong vividly recalls ing from Joseph Loveless, he lard Ward, 17 years, and Joseph child in a family of 12, is the Last March on his 91st birth- old team of white horses pulling reflected. partment. But after much plead. Niels Markman, 15 years: Wil- Mr. Strong, who is the sixth groceries and pay his bills. I still wouldn't trade it for my since I helped fight a fire," he signed as teamster for the de-years; John Loveless, 10 years; John Loveless, 10 years; John Loveless, 10 years; South.

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